

"Presentation of the Draft Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Enhancement Plan Update"

Mark Your Calendars for Workshop VII

March 25, 2017 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Sumner Auditorium at Scripps Institution of Oceanography

Torrey Pines Association and Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Foundation invite you to participate in the seventh public workshop designed to present the Draft Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Enhancement Plan Update and the pathway toward its implementation. The workshop will include a presentation from the Executive Director of the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Foundation followed by a poster session that presents key aspects of the technical analysis used to complete the Draft Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Enhancement Plan Update. As always, your attendance and ongoing support are greatly appreciated!

First certified in 1985, the original Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Enhancement Plan provided a management guide to help restore and protect the Lagoon from direct discharges of sewage, rapid sedimentation from the watershed, and extended inlet closures. Since that time, changes within the watershed and the Lagoon itself now require an updated management guide that also would consider the implications of climate change. With this in mind, an effort to update the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Enhancement Plan was initiated in 2012-2013 using a stakeholder process that included input from the public through a series of workshops. These workshops helped to refine the Plan's goals and objectives, identify opportunities and constraints for improving and protecting the Lagoon and its resources, and proposed a phased approach that considers sustainability in light of projected climate change and watershed improvements. Concepts for improving habitat, public access, and vector management were then developed followed by a technical analysis that considered climate change through habitat trajectory modeling and established sea level rise projections. Workshop 7 will present the improvement concepts for Los Peñasquitos Lagoon and outline the next steps toward implementing the Enhancement Plan that include certification through the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), additional watershed efforts in place to support the Enhancement Plan, and a Phase 1 Restoration and Enhancement Project that will benefit the riparian corridor in Sorrento Valley and restore up to 23 acres of salt marsh within Los Peñasquitos Lagoon.

The Draft Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Enhancement Plan Update, a summary of previous workshops and additional information regarding Workshop VII can be found on the following link: http://torreypines.org

